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## 12. Parks & Recreation

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*The nights was kinder lengthenin' out, the rains had jest begun,  
When all the camp came up to Pete's to have their usual fun;*

*... "Thar's a new game down in Frisco, that ez far ez I can see  
Beats euchre, poker and van-toon, they calls the 'Spellin' Bee'*

*... The Chair next offered "eider-duck," and Dick began with "I,"  
And Bilson smiled—then Bilson shrieked! Just how the fight begun  
I never knowed, for Bilson dropped, and Dick, he moved up one.*

*... "No, not one mother's son goes out till that thar word is spelled!  
But while the words were on his lips, he groaned and sank in pain,  
And sank with Webster on his chest and Worcester on his brain.*

*... You wants to know the rest my dears? That's all! In me you see  
The only gent that lived to tell about the Spellin' Bee!*

*He ceased and passed, that truthful man; the children went their way  
With downcast heads and downcast hearts—but not to sport or play.  
For when at eve the lamps were lit, and supperless to bed  
Each child was sent, with tasks undone and lessons all unsaid,  
No man might know the awful woe that thrilled their youthful frames,  
As they dreamed of Angels Spelling Bee and thought of Truthful James.*

From "The Spelling Bee at Angels," by Bret Harte

### Requirements

The Park and Recreation element is an optional general plan element. However, over one-third of the cities and 40 percent of the counties in California have adopted park and recreation elements reflecting the importance placed upon parks and recreation facilities by local jurisdictions.<sup>1</sup>

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California Office of Planning and Research, 1996 local government planning survey.

In addition, Park and Recreation elements are often included as part of a general plan in partial fulfillment of the requirements of the general plan's Conservation and Open Space Element. Pursuant to Government Code Section 65563, the Conservation and Open Space Element must address open space for outdoor recreation including, but not limited to:

- Areas of outstanding scenic, historic and cultural value;
- Areas particularly suited for park and recreation purposes including access to lake shores, beaches and rivers and streams; and
- Areas that serve as links between major recreation and open-space reservations, including utility easements, banks of rivers and streams, trails, and scenic highway corridors.

## **Background & Setting**

### City-Owned Recreational Facilities

The following park and recreation amenities are located within the Angels Camp city limits (as of October, 2004):

<b>Table 12-1</b> <b>City-Owned Park and Recreation Facilities</b> <b>Within the Angels Camp City Limits</b>		
<b>Park</b>	<b>Location/Description</b>	<b>Acres</b>
Gateway Park	Angel Oaks Drive APN: 58-034-17 Includes picnic facilities (2 picnic tables, 3 BBQ pits, lawn area), children's play equipment (swing set and 2 riding children's toys), creek, 8 parking spaces, restrooms	1.52
Utica Park	1192 South Main Street APN: 60-006-08 Includes picnic facilities, gazebo, BBQs, children's playground, tot lot, parking, restrooms, large shelter	2.63
Tryon Park	1300 Booster Way APN: 62-003-43 Adjacent to Veterans Park swimming pool, Tryon Park includes outdoor volleyball courts, picnic tables, and BBQs	0.34
Angels Camp Museum Park	753 Main Street APN: 62-001-53 Picnic facilities	0.15
<b>Total</b>		<b>4.64</b>

The current ratio of park facilities to city population as established by the *City of Angels Impact Fee Study Report July 31, 2003*, is 1.37 acres of park facilities per 1,000 population. Because this ratio of park improvements-to-population existed at the time the City of Angels Impact Fee for Recreational Facilities was adopted, this standard also was adopted for park improvements within Angels Camp.

#### Non-City-Owned Park and Recreation Facilities

Non-city-owned recreational facilities located within the Angels Camp *Area of Interest*, are listed in **Table 12-2**.

<b>Table 12-2</b> <b>Non-City-Owned Recreational Facilities Within the Angels Camp Area of Interest</b>		
<b>Park</b>	<b>Location/Description</b>	<b>Acres</b>
Greenhorn Creek	APNs: 58-043-005, 58-043-017, 58-045-002, 58-046-013, 58-046-015, 58-047-005, 58-047-009, 58-047-012, 58-059-006, 58-060-006, 58-065-015 18-hole golf course (open to the public), practice facility, pool, Jacuzzi, tennis courts, walking trail	157.35/b/
Worldmark the Club at Angels Camp	APN: 058-071-(all) Timeshare development located in Greenhorn Creek; Recreation building, three pools, tennis court, basketball court, hot tubs	2.00±/b/
Copello (AMA) Park [Angels/Murphys/Arnold (AMA) Boosters Club, Inc.]	700 Copello Drive APN: 58-011-17 2 baseball fields	6.81±
Veterans Park	1246 Booster Way, adjacent to Tryon Park. APN: 062-003-42 The facility includes a swimming pool	0.79±
39 <sup>th</sup> Agricultural District Fairgrounds	101 Frogtown Road APNs: 64-006-009, 64-006-010, 64-007-030, 89-000-175 The fairgrounds provides extensive indoor facilities for festivals and special events, parking, an RV park with water, power and sewer and natural landscaped camping areas.	80.00±
New Melones Reservoir	Operated by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation with 100 miles of shoreline, 12,500 acres of water surface. The Glory Hole Recreation Area has 144 campsites, 3 day-use areas, 30 miles of hiking/biking trails, a fish cleaning station, swim beach, 2 boat launch ramps with parking lots, a full-service marina and store including fuel and boat rentals. The nearby Tuttletown Recreation Area (in Tuolumne County) has 161 campsites, 2 day-use areas, a boat launch ramp with parking lot, RV dump station and fish cleaning station. Two group campgrounds are available by reservation. The facility includes a year-round visitor center and museum.	--
Angels Gun Club, Inc.	2403 Gun Club Road APNs: 64-005-03, 64-006-007, 64-006-008 Firing range	20.9±
River Rafting	2685 Highway 49 Commercial river rafting company providing rafting trips and guide service.	--
Angels Creek	Fishing along public-access portions of the creek that flow through Angels Camp.	--
<b>Total</b>		<b>267.85±</b>

/b/ Estimated – should be considered a general estimate only

Schools

Bret Harte Union High School and Mark Twain Elementary School are located within the city limits. These schools provide the following recreational facilities, which are open to the public or non-profit groups on a limited basis:

<b>Table 12-3</b> <b>Recreational Facilities at Schools</b> <b>Angels Camp City Limits</b>		
<b>Facility</b>	<b>Location/Description</b>	<b>Acres</b>
Bret Harte Union High School/a/	APNs: 058-021-16 (Existing), 058-022-12 (Existing), 057-023-016 (Existing), 057-023-004 (Existing), 058-018-10 (Planned) Track and field, football and soccer, 2 gyms, 2 baseball fields/a/, performing arts facility	7.00± /b/ 14.59±/a/
Mark Twain Elementary School	APN: 060-004-001 Hard courts, basketball court, track and field (with baseball diamond/soccer field), gym. Facilities are available to non-profit organizations (e.g., boy scouts, girl scouts, little league)	2.50±/b/
<b>Total</b>		<b>24.09±</b>

/a/ Bret Harte Union High School, in cooperation with Bret Harte/Angels Incorporated, is expanding its facilities on land in or near the existing parking facilities located on the north side of Murphys Grade Road. Those facilities are projected to include soccer fields, 2 baseball fields, 2 softball fields, outdoor tennis courts, basketball courts, and a swimming pool. Students currently use swimming facilities in San Andreas.

/b/ Estimated – should be considered a general estimate only

Regional Facilities

Calaveras County provides multiple recreational opportunities for its residents. Pursuant to the Calaveras County General Plan (1986), recreational facilities within the County include:

- 85,000 acres (13% of the land area of the county) is within the Stanislaus National Forest;
- 39,500 acres (6% of the land area in the county) is administered by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management,
- 5,500 acres (1% of the land area in the county) is administered by the state (Calaveras Big Trees State Park) ,and
- 35,000 acres (5% of the land area in the county) is covered by five major reservoirs:

Camanche and Pardee (operated by the East Bay Municipal Utility District), New Hogan (United States Army Corps of Engineers), Lake Tulloch (administered by the United States Bureau of Reclamation and operated by the Oakdale and South San Joaquin Irrigation Districts), and New Melones Reservoir (with 100 miles of shoreline, a water surface area of 12,500 acres and a capacity of 2.4 million acre feet managed by the United States Bureau of Reclamation).

These regional facilities provide extensive opportunities for boating, camping, hiking, picnicking, swimming, sight seeing, and fishing. In addition, the Mokelumne River, near Highway 49, includes a three-mile stretch of white water used for rafting and similar sports. Calaveras County also is home to renowned limestone caves open to the public including Mercer Caverns (near Murphys), Moaning Caverns (near Vallecito), Calaveras Big Trees State Park, and California Caverns at Cave City (near Mountain Ranch).

#### Regional Plans

The Calaveras Council of Governments adopted the *Calaveras County Bikeway Plan Update Draft Report*, February, 1998, Fehr & Peers Associates, in February 1998. The regional bikeways identified in that report within the Angels Camp Sphere of Influence are listed in **Appendices 3E and 12A**.

The Calaveras County General Plan emphasizes the use of state and federal recreation areas within the county. For local parks, the county's goal, adopted in 1986, is 2.5 acres of local park land for every 1,000 resident population in the county.

#### Recreational Facility Funding

The city adopted a city services impact mitigation fee for financing park improvements in August, 2003. The fee, intended to assist in funding capital improvements for parks and for park acquisition, is detailed in **Appendix 7A**.

#### **Projected Facility Needs**

Park land acquisition pursuant to the Quimby Act (Government Code 66477) governs the acquisition of land for parks as a condition of residential subdivision approval. The statute specifies the ratios of acreage to population that may be used to establish dedication requirements or calculate fees in lieu of dedication. The Quimby Act provides for a standard based on a ratio of 3.0 acres and 5.0 acres per 1,000 residents. Because the existing ratio of park improvements-to-population in Angels Camp in 2003 (in conjunction with adoption of the City Services Impact Mitigation Fee) was below 3.0 acres per 1,000; the minimum 3.0 acre standard was adopted in conjunction with the City Services Impact Mitigation Fee for park land acquisition.

Alternative standards for the development of recreational facilities (excluding *acquisition of*

parklands, which is addressed pursuant to the Quimby Act - see preceding paragraph) occur throughout the United States. Nearly all jurisdictions adopt standards for the provision of parks and recreation facilities based on acres of recreational facilities per 1,000 population.

Several organizations (e.g., the National Recreation and Park Association, U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Outdoor Recreation) publish standards for specific recreational facilities that assist in establishing a community's need for specific facilities and in guiding design of these facilities (e.g., baseball diamonds, tennis courts, basketball courts, tot lots). However, relatively few guidelines are available for estimating overall community park and recreation facility needs based on the most widely-used recreation planning parameter: acres of facilities needed per 1,000 individuals. One of the most intensive surveys undertaken to establish guidelines for calculating a community's overall recreational facility needs was completed in 1976 by the Canadian Ministry of Culture and Recreation<sup>2</sup>. Because this study was in-depth, relatively recent, and surveyed communities on a large scale, the resulting standards established by that study have been used as a general guide in updating facility needs for the Angels Camp. The results of that study endorsed a standard of 20 acres of recreational facilities per 1,000 population. The study recognizes that, in actual application, standards vary from 11.75 to 20.0 acres per 1,000.

In actual practice in California, the provision of recreational facilities for small jurisdictions is typically somewhat below those established in the 1976 Canadian study. Recreational facility master plans in Northern California are typically based on a standard of five acres per 1,000 population consistent with the park land acquisition provisions of the Quimby Act.<sup>3</sup>

Based on the preceding recreational study and the standard practice of other Northern California small communities, Angels Camp considered park-to-population ratios for park facilities ranging between 5.0 and 11.75 acres per 1,000 population.

Because of the extensive opportunities for recreation afforded within a short drive of the city limits (Stanislaus National Forest, Calaveras Big Trees State Park, New Melones and similar facilities), Angels Camp is establishing a standard of five acres of parkland (acquisition and improved park facilities) per 1,000 population pursuant to this Park and Recreation Element of the Angels Camp 2020 General Plan. This constitutes an increase from 1.37 acres of developed parks adopted in 2003 and an increase from the three acres of acquisition pursuant to the Quimby Act also adopted in 2003.

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<sup>2</sup> "Guidelines for Developing Public Recreation Facility Standards", Ministry of Culture and Recreation Sports and Fitness Division, 1976.

<sup>3</sup> The five-acre standard is applied by cities for both *acquisition* of recreational property - in conjunction with new residential development pursuant to the Quimby Act; and is applied, separately, as the standard for the provision of *developed* recreational facilities - separate from the acquisition standards established pursuant to the Quimby Act.

The city's projected resident population for 2020 is approximately 5,129 - 5,288 residents. This translates into a need for 25.7 - 26.5 total acres of park facilities by the year 2020.

**Given the city's existing 4.49 acres of park facilities, the city has a projected shortfall of 21.2± - 22.0± acres of park and recreation facilities by the year 2020.**

To fulfill the city's unmet need for 21.2± - 22.0± additional acres of park and recreation facilities by the year 2020, the city has identified multiple opportunities and alternatives that would fulfill its park and recreation goals (See **Program 12.A.b**).

Angels Camp's park and recreation facilities, as described herein, are designed to:

- Contribute to defining the city's character
- Provide a visual "break" along large expanses of commercial, industrial or high-density residential uses
- Enhance economic development
- Promote a sense of mental and physical well-being for residents and visitors
- Implement strategies of the general plan's **Conservation and Open Space Element (Chapter 4)** for managing sensitive resources (e.g., cultural, biological, scenic)
- Implement strategies of the general plan's **Circulation Element (Chapter 3)** by providing linkages with *low-impact mode of transportation* (e.g., pedestrian, *low speed vehicle* and bikes) facilities
- Enhance educational opportunities for local schools
- Encourage work-live commercial/housing land uses
- Promote a sense of community by providing spaces for community assembly and special events
- Provide spaces for special events promoting economic development in the city
- Enhance neighborhoods



There are several categories of park and recreation facilities which can meet these goals:

<b>Table 12-4</b> <b>Parks, Open Space Facility Classifications</b> (See Table 12-5 for Trails)				
<b>Park Classification</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Size Criteria (acres)</b>	<b>Location Criteria</b>	<b>Level of Activity</b>
<b>Mini-Park</b> <b>Vest-Pocket Park</b>	The smallest park classification used to address limited or isolated recreational needs. Examples include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concentrated or limited populations</li> <li>• Isolated development areas</li> <li>• Unique recreational opportunities</li> </ul> In some settings, vest-pocket parks serve the same general purposes as mini-parks and tot lots. They also address unique recreational needs, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Landscaped public use areas in an industrial/commercial area</li> <li>• Scenic overlooks</li> <li>• A play area adjacent to a downtown shopping center</li> </ul>	2500 square feet (vest-pocket park) up to 1 acre (mini), but can be as much as 5 acres	Less than ¼ mile from residential setting  (or within industrial or commercial areas, scenic areas, shopping centers)	Active and passive
<b>Neighborhood Park</b>	The basic unit of the park system serving as the recreational and social focus of the neighborhood. Focus is on informal active and passive recreation.	5 acres minimum; 5-10 acres optimal	¼ to ½ mile from residential setting uninterrupted by non-residential roads and other physical barriers	Active and passive
<b>Live-Work Park</b>	Parks generally in association with high-density residential developments serving the population of the development only.	1-2 acres minimum; May be larger, dependent upon size of high-density development	Within the boundaries of the high-density residential development.	Active and passive

**Table 12-4**  
**Parks, Open Space Facility Classifications**  
 (See Table 12-5 for Trails)

<b>Park Classification</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Size Criteria (acres)</b>	<b>Location Criteria</b>	<b>Level of Activity</b>
<b>School-Park</b>	Depending on circumstances, combining parks with school sites can fulfill the space requirements for other classes of parks such as neighborhood, community, sports complex, and special use.	Variable, dependent on function	Determined by location of school	
<b>Community Park</b>	Serves broader purposes than neighborhood parks. Focus is on meeting community-based recreational needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces.	Usually between 30-50 acres or as needed to accommodate desired uses	Determined by the quality and suitability of the site. Usually serves two or more neighborhoods and ½ to 3 mile distance.	
<b>Large Urban Park</b>	Serve a broader purpose than community parks and are used when community and neighborhood parks are not adequate to serve the needs of the community. Focus is on meeting community-based recreational needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces.	Usually 50 acres with 75 optimal	Determined by the quality and suitability of the site. Usually serves the entire community.	
<b>Natural Resource Area</b>	Lands set aside for preservation of significant natural resources, remnant landscapes, open space, and visual aesthetics/buffering.	Variable	Resource availability and opportunity.	
<b>Greenways</b>	Effectively tie park system components together to form a continuous park environment.	Variable	Resource availability and opportunity.	
<b>Special Use Park</b>	Covers a broad range of parks and recreation facilities oriented toward single-purpose use.	Variable	Variable - dependent on specific use.	
<b>Sports Complex</b>	Consolidates heavily programmed athletic fields and associated facilities to larger and fewer sites strategically located throughout the community.	Determined by projected demand. Usually a minimum of 25 acres with 40-	Strategically located community-wide facilities.	

**Table 12-4**  
**Parks, Open Space Facility Classifications**  
 (See Table 12-5 for Trails)

<b>Park Classification</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Size Criteria (acres)</b>	<b>Location Criteria</b>	<b>Level of Activity</b>
		80 acres optimal		
<b>Private Park/ Recreation Facility</b>	Parks and recreation facilities that are privately owned yet contribute to the public park and recreation system.	Variable	Variable - dependent on specific use.	

Source: Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines (National Recreation and Park Association and the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration, 1995)

**Table 12-5**  
**Pathway (*Low-Impact Modes of Transportation*) Facility Classifications**  
 (See Table 12-4 for Parks)

Classification	Description (General)	Detailed Description
<b>Park Trails</b>	Multi-purpose trails located within greenways, parks, and natural resource areas. Focus is on recreational value and harmony with natural environment.	See <b>Appendices 3E and 12A</b> May be Class I, Class II, or Class III
<b>Connector Trails</b>	Multi-purpose trails emphasizing safe travel for pedestrians (or other <i>low-impact modes of transportation</i> ) to and from parks and around the community. Focus is as much on transportation as it is on recreation.	See <b>Appendices 3E and 12A</b> Normally Class I or Class II
<b>On-Street <i>Low-Impact Modes of Transportation</i> Facilities</b>	Paved segments of roadways that serve as means to safely separate <i>low-impact modes of transportation</i> from vehicular traffic.	See <b>Appendices 3E and 12A</b> <u>Route</u> : Designated portions of the roadway for the preference or exclusive use of <i>low-impact modes of transportation</i> . <u>Lane</u> : Shared portions of the roadway that provide separation between motor vehicles and <i>low-impact modes of transportation</i> (such as paved shoulders)
<b>All-Terrain <i>Low-Impact Mode of Transportation</i> Trails</b>	Off-road trail for all-terrain <i>low-impact modes of transportation</i> .	Single-purpose loop trails usually located in larger parks and natural resource areas.
<b>Equestrian or Multi-Purpose Trails</b>	Trails developed for horseback riding or for multi-purpose uses where conflicts can be controlled.	Loop trails usually located in larger parks and natural resource areas. Sometimes developed as multipurpose with hiking and all-terrain biking where conflicts can be controlled.

Source: Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines (National Recreation and Park Association and the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration, 1995)

The following goals, policies and implementation programs will guide the development, funding, location, promotion, design and management of the Angels Camp park and recreational facilities.

## **GOALS, POLICIES AND IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMS**

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### **12A. Recreation: General**

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**Goal 12A** Provide an acceptable supply and equitable distribution of park and recreation facilities, providing multiple benefits to the city's residents and non-residents while enhancing the city's recreational opportunities, economy, community design, visual quality, jobs/housing balance, conservation of natural and cultural resources and circulation.

#### **Policy**

**12.A.1** Acquire and develop sufficient park and recreational facilities.

#### **Implementation Programs**

**12.A.a** **Acquire and Develop Park and Recreation Facilities**

Acquire and develop at least 21.2± - 22.0± acres of park and recreation facilities to fulfill the city's projected unmet needs based on a goal of 5 acres of recreational facilities per 1,000 residents and based on a city resident population projection of 5,129 - 5,288 by the year 2020.

**Equivalent Program:** 1Gg (Land Use)

**Related Program:** 7Ec (Public Facilities & Services), 12Ah (Parks & Recreation)

**12.A.b** **Develop and Adopt a Park and Recreation Master Plan**

Develop and adopt a Park and Recreation Master Plan describing the general locations, designs, costs, priorities, potential funding sources, management agencies, strategies for protecting future trail corridors, and uses for at least 21.2± - 22.0± acres of future park and recreation facilities in the city with consideration for including those facility options listed in the following table:

<b>Table 12-6</b> <b>Opportunities: 2020 Angels Camp Park and Recreation Facility Options</b>		
<b>Facility</b>	<b>Location/ Description</b>	<b>Acres (Estimated)</b>
<i>Lo- impact mode of transportation</i> trail facilities @ 3 acres per mile/a/	Establish a priority list of those facilities included in <b>Appendices 3E and 12A</b> (as it may be amended) with a goal towards constructing 3 miles of these facilities. See <b>Recreation Element Implementation Program 12.B.c</b>	9.0
Trails along Waterways; Angels Creek Trail/a/	See <b>Land Use Element (1.C.j), Conservation &amp; Open Space Element (4.D.c) and Parks &amp; Recreation Element Implementation Program 12.C.a</b>	4.5
Live-work parks (see also Mini parks and Neighborhood Parks)	See <b>Parks &amp; Recreation Element Implementation Program 12.C.b</b>	2.0-4.0
Pocket/Mini parks	See <b>Parks &amp; Recreation Element Implementation Program 12.C.h</b>	0.5
Mark Twain Elementary School Cooperative venture	See <b>Parks &amp; Recreation Element Implementation Program 12.A.f</b>	2.0
Museum Park	See <b>Parks &amp; Recreation Element Implementation Program 12.A.f</b>	1.5
Civic Center	See <b>Parks &amp; Recreation Element Implementation Program 12.A.f</b>	1.0
Implement sidewalk gap plan	See <b>Parks &amp; Recreation Element Implementation Program 12.A.h and 3.B.m (Circulation)</b>	0.5
Dog Park	See <b>Parks &amp; Recreation Element Implementation Program 12.A.j</b>	2.0-5.0/b/
Bret Harte/Angels Incorporated	See <b>Parks &amp; Recreation Element Implementation Program 12.A.f</b>	14.59/b/
<b>Total Estimated Acres:</b>		37.59±- 42.59/b/
<b>OTHER:</b> The preceding park and recreation facilities meet the objectives of the Angels Camp Park and Recreation Element. Additional park locations, trail routes, priorities, opportunities, needs and facilities may be identified and developed as guided by the goals, policies, and implementation programs of this element and its subsequent updates.		

- /a/ Trails are projected to encompass easements of approximately 50 feet wide (including natural areas adjacent to trails). Fifty-foot trail easements are projected to be approximately equivalent to 3 acres of parkland per mile [25 ft. of constructed trail area X 5,280 ft. per mile/43,560 ft. per acre = 3.0± acres]
- /b/ Projected acreage – should be considered an estimate only

**12.A.c     Establish a Trail System Integrated with Regionally-Planned Facilities Located Within or Near the City's Sphere of Influence**

Integrate new trails located within the city's Sphere of Influence with trails in the *Calaveras County Bikeway Plan*<sup>4</sup> (See **Appendices 3E** and **12A**) or with a county park and recreation master plan, if one is adopted. Continue coordination with the county's regional transportation planning agency to ensure recognition of proposed city trails in regional plans (**Appendices 3E** and **12A**).

**Related Programs:** 1Hc (Land Use), 12Ad (Parks & Recreation), 12Bg (Parks & Recreation), 12Ca (Parks & Recreation), 12Cc (Parks & Recreation), 12Ce (Parks & Recreation)

**12.A.d     Continue to Support Establishment and/or Maintenance of a Regional Park Facility Within or Near the City's Sphere of Influence and Support Maintenance of Existing Facilities with the City's Area of Interest**

Support partnerships with the county and/or other agencies and non-profits to establish regional park facilities serving city and county residents located near or within the city's Sphere of Influence. Continue to support the maintenance of existing parks and recreation facilities within the Angels Camp Area of Interest including, but not limited to:

- a. Copello Park aka Angels/Murphys/Arnold Boosters Club, Inc. (AMA Park), Located adjacent to the city's northern boundary, APN: 58-011-17, 6.81± acres
- b. Tryon Park / Veterans Pool  
1246 Booster Way, APN: 062-003-42, 0.79± acres

**Related Programs:** 1Hc (Land Use), 12Ac (Parks & Recreation), 12Bg (Parks & Recreation), 12Ca (Parks & Recreation), 12Cc (Parks & Recreation), 12Ce (Parks & Recreation)

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<sup>4</sup>     *Calaveras County Bikeway Plan Update Draft Report*, February, 1998, Fehr & Peers Associates, February 1998, Calaveras Council of Governments, or as amended



**12.A.e     Update Facility Inventory and Needs Projections**

Update the Angels Park and Recreation Master Plan at least once every five years. Updates shall address, at a minimum, the changing park and recreation needs of city residents and visitors, new potential funding sources, revised cost estimates for proposed park facilities, population projections, changes in population composition, new opportunities for partnerships and updates to the inventory of park facilities including both acreages removed from recreational use and acreages added for recreational use.

**12.A.f     Promote Shared Use to Expand the Variety and Quantity of Available Facilities and to Distribute Costs and Manpower to Acquire, Construct and Maintain Facilities**

Promote and pursue partnerships with schools, utility agencies (e.g., Calaveras County Water District, Union Public Utility District), community groups, the county, state and federal agencies, private, non-profit agencies and others to share the use of existing recreational facilities and to develop new facilities for mutually beneficial recreational use. Pursue partnerships as necessary to distribute costs and manpower necessary to acquire, construct and maintain facilities. Link or incorporate recreational facilities from other entities with city facilities whenever feasible. Examples of these partnerships and shared uses include, but are not limited to:

- a. Cooperating with local school districts to assist in funding, constructing, maintaining and/or acquiring recreational facilities to be made available to the public when not used by the school district
- b. Locating trails adjacent to existing public rights-of-way where they may be easily maintained in conjunction with maintenance of pre-existing facilities (e.g., roadways)
- c. Integrating park facilities in the design of a new civic center
- d. Continuing to maintain park facilities with the museum
- e. Coordinating events with the 39<sup>th</sup> Agricultural District fairgrounds
- f. Coordinating with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to integrate City trails and existing and planned trails at New Melones Reservoir
- g. Supporting groups that establish organized (team) sports facilities serving the community

- h. Seeking partnerships with the Resource Conservation District to maximize funding opportunities

**Equivalent Program:** 12Eg (Parks & Recreation)

**Related Programs:** 1Bk (Land Use), 3Bk (Circulation), 7Ic (Public Facilities & Services), 12Ag (Parks & Recreation)

**12.A.g Continue to Promote the Use of Public Lands**

Design park and recreation facilities adjacent to existing public lands whenever feasible to allow for future expansion of those facilities and to encourage partnerships for funding (e.g., Friends of New Melones), developing and maintaining new recreational facilities (e.g., United States Bureau of Reclamation trail to New Melones Reservoir).

**Related Programs:** 1Bk (Land Use), 3Bk (Circulation), 7Ic (Public Facilities), 12Af (Parks & Recreation)

**12.A.h Implement the Recommendations of the City's Sidewalk Inventory**

In conjunction with **Program 12.A.a**, implement the recommendations of the city's sidewalk inventory to fill sidewalk gaps. Identify funding sources and projected timelines for filling sidewalk gaps and for facilitating construction of new sidewalks in accordance with that plan to help make Angels Camp a more walkable community.

**Equivalent Program:** 3Bm (Circulation)

**Related Programs:** 3Ba (Circulation), 3Bb (Circulation), 3Ce (Circulation), 12Aa (Parks & Recreation)

**12.A.i Facilitate Establishment of a Community-Based Organization to Accept Donations and Spearhead Community Projects**

Organize community leaders to establish a community-based organization authorized to accept land and facility donations for public uses or related community benefits from landowners, while encouraging continued use of the property by the landowner before donation (e.g., similar to estate planning assistance). The organization should work in coordination with the city to ensure coordinated planning efforts for public uses and community facilities.

**Equivalent Programs:** 7Gh (Public Facilities & Services), 12Eh (Parks & Recreation)

**12.A.j     Design Recreation Facilities to Accommodate Dog Use**

In conjunction with **Program 12.A.b** (development of a park and recreation master plan), include provisions for establishing all or a portion of a recreational facility to accommodate dogs off-leash.

**12.A.k     Design Park and Recreation Facilities to Include Equestrian Use**

In conjunction with **Program 12.A.b** (development of a park and recreation master plan), design trails to accommodate equestrian use, to the maximum extent feasible and as safety permits.

**12.A.l     Continue to Support and Increase Coordination between the City and the 39<sup>th</sup> Agricultural District (Fairgrounds)**

Increase coordination and communications between the city and the 39<sup>th</sup> Agricultural District (fairgrounds). Suggested methods for increasing coordination and communication may include, but are not limited to:

- a. Holding a gathering with city department heads and members of the 39<sup>th</sup> Agricultural District Board of Directors
- b. Executing a memorandum of understanding to establish (in writing) the roles and responsibilities of the parties

Areas to be targeted for improved coordination and communication include, but are not limited to:

- c. Traffic management during special events
- d. Effects of noise on city residents during special events
- e. Impacts on police staffing
- f. Reimbursement of city expenses incurred during special events (e.g., overtime for law enforcement)
- g. Providing a connector road between the fairgrounds and the proposed Southeast State Bypass

**Equivalent Program:** 7Ig (Public Facilities & Services)

**Related Programs:** 11a (Land Use), 2Aa (Housing), 3Aj (Circulation), 5Ak (Noise), 7Id (Public Facilities & Services), 10Ab (Economic Development),

**12.A.m     Recognize the Right-to-Farm when Planning Park and Recreation Facilities**

In conjunction with **Program 12.A.b** (development of a park and recreation master plan) and consistent with **Program 4.E.b** (Right-to-Farm), locate new park and recreation facilities to reduce conflicts between ongoing agricultural operations and recreation activities to the maximum extent feasible.

**Related Programs:** 1Ia (Land Use), 2Aa (Housing), 2Dg (Housing), 3Bk (Circulation), 4Eb (Conservation & Open Space), 4Ec (Conservation & Open Space), 5A1 (Noise), 6Bh (Public Safety), 7Cj (Public Facilities & Services), 7Hc (Public Facilities & Services), 7Hd (Public Facilities & Services), 7Id (Public Facilities & Services), 7Ig (Public Facilities & Services), 10Ab (Economic Development), 11Ae (Community Identity)

## **12B. Parks and Recreation: Facilities for Low-Impact Modes of Transportation**

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**Goal 12B** Encourage the use of low-impact modes of transportation for both transportation and recreation.

### **Policy**

**12.B.1** Pursue establishment of an integrated system of bicycle, pedestrian and *low-speed vehicle (low-impact modes of transportation)* routes.

### **Implementation Programs**

**12.B.a** **Encourage Low-Impact Modes of Transportation**

Continue to designate land uses compatible with compact development patterns and incorporating sidewalk or trail systems that encourage access between residential, commercial, recreational and public facilities using *low-impact modes of transportation* [e.g., pedestrian, bicycle, *low-speed vehicles* (LSVs)]

**Equivalent Programs:** 1Dc (Land Use), 3Ba (Circulation), 4Bb (Conservation and Open Space), 9Af (Air Quality)

**Related Programs:** 3Bb (Circulation), 3Bc (Circulation), 3Bd (Circulation), 3Be (Circulation), 3Bf (Circulation), 3Bh (Circulation), 3Bi (Circulation), 3Bj (Circulation), 3Bk (Circulation), 3Bl (Circulation), 3Ce (Circulation), 3Cf (Circulation), 4Bc (Conservation and Open Space), 4Bd (Conservation and Open Space), 12Bb (Recreation), 12Bc (Recreation), 12Bd (Recreation), 12Be (Recreation), 12Bf (Recreation), 12Bh (Recreation), 12Bi (Recreation), 12Cc (Recreation), 12De (Recreation)

**12.B.b Implement the City's Low-Impact Modes of Transportation Plan**

Implement the city's *Low-Impact Modes of Transportation Plan* identifying specific locations and routes planned for sidewalks, bicycle lanes and *low-speed vehicle* paths based on the plan included in **Appendices 3E and 12A**. The plan should integrate with the Calaveras County Master Bikeway Plan (**Appendices 3E and 12A**) and emphasize connections between residential, commercial, recreational and public facilities within the city. The plan also should incorporate the findings of the Angels Camp sidewalk study and target sidewalk gaps identified in that study.

**Equivalent Programs:** 3Bb (Circulation), 3Ce (Circulation), 4Bc (Conservation & Open Space)

**Related Programs:** 1Dc (Land Use), 3Ba (Circulation), 3Bb (Circulation), 3Bc (Circulation), 3Bd (Circulation), 3Be (Circulation), 3Bf (Circulation), 3Bh (Circulation), 3Bi (Circulation), 3Bj (Circulation), 3Bk (Circulation), 3Bl (Circulation), 3Cf (Circulation), 4Bb (Conservation and Open Space), 4Bd (Conservation and Open Space), 12Ba (Recreation), 12Bc (Recreation), 12Bd (Recreation), 12Be (Recreation), 12Bf (Recreation), 12Bh (Recreation), 12Bi (Recreation), 12Cc (Recreation), 12De (Recreation)

**12.B.c Prioritize Trails that Promote Circulation and the City's Low-Impact Modes of Transportation Plan**

Establish priorities for constructing the *low-impact modes of transportation* routes identified in **Appendices 3E and 12A**. Give priority to establishing trail routes with:

- a. Linkages to existing pedestrian and bicycle facilities
- b. Linkages to low-impact mode of transportation facilities proposed herein

These linkages should emphasize intermodal connections between recreational facilities and schools, commercial centers, neighborhoods, libraries, public facilities, medium and high density housing and between other population centers and destination points over distances of two miles or less.

**Equivalent Programs:** 3Bc (Circulation), 12Cc (Parks & Recreation)

**Related Programs:** 1Dc (Land Use), 3Ba (Circulation), 3Bb (Circulation), 3Bd (Circulation), 3Be (Circulation), 3Bf (Circulation), 3Bh (Circulation), 3Bi (Circulation), 3Bj (Circulation), 3Bk (Circulation), 3Bl (Circulation), 3Ce (Circulation), 3Cf (Circulation), 4Bb (Conservation and Open Space), 4Bc (Conservation and Open Space), 4Bd (Conservation and Open Space), 12Ba (Recreation), 12Bb (Recreation), 12Bc (Recreation), 12Bd (Recreation), 12Be (Recreation), 12Bf (Recreation), 12Bh (Recreation), 12Bi (Recreation), 12De (Recreation)

**12.B.d     Adopt Construction Standards for *Low-Impact Modes of Transportation Routes***

In conjunction with **Implementation Program 3.A.b** (incorporation of road standards into the City of Angels Municipal Code), include standards for the construction of low-impact transportation routes for new development as outlined in **Appendices 3E and 12A**. Design considerations should include, but not be limited to, encouraging the safe use of *low-impact modes of transportation routes* by multiple transportation forms including pedestrian use, bicycle use, *low-speed vehicle* use, and equestrian use. Construction standards should include a requirement to build Class I facilities (**Appendices 3E and 12A**) adjacent to new collector and arterial roads. Class II facilities may be considered in areas adjacent to collectors and/or arterials where right-of-way cannot be secured or is insufficient to allow Class I facilities. Class III facilities are discouraged, but may be considered on alternative routes (normally local roads) established to redirect *low-impact modes of transportation* traffic from collectors and arterials where Class I and Class II facilities are infeasible.

**Equivalent Program:** 3Bd (Circulation)

**Related Programs:** 1Dc (Land Use), 3Ba (Circulation), 3Bb (Circulation), 3Bc (Circulation), 3Bd (Circulation), 3Be (Circulation), 3Bf (Circulation), 3Bh (Circulation), 3Bi (Circulation), 3Bj (Circulation), 3Bk (Circulation), 3Bl (Circulation), 3Ce (Circulation), 3Cf (Circulation), 4Bb (Conservation and Open Space), 4Bc (Conservation and Open Space), 4Bd (Conservation and Open Space), 12Ba (Recreation), 12Bb (Recreation), 12Bc (Recreation), 12Be (Recreation), 12Bf (Recreation), 12Bh (Recreation), 12Bi (Recreation), 12Cc (Recreation), 12De (Recreation)

**12.B.e     Expand the City's *Low-Impact Modes of Transportation Plan* to Include Routes Along Planned Roadways**

Expand the city's *Low-Impact Modes of Transportation Plan* to include routes along the following planned roadways as routes are adopted by the city:

- a. Gold Cliff Connector (Gold Cliff to Greenhorn Creek Road at McCauley Ranch Road)
- b. Greenhorn Creek Road to Tuolumne Avenue Connector (Sierra Avenue)
- c. Kurt Drive/Murphys Grade Road Connector
- d. Connection from Blair Mine Road outlet (between lots 443/444) to Stockton Road northwest of Greenhorn Creek Subdivision
- e. Road(s) to serve Multi-Family and Business Park Development within the area formed by Murphys Grade Road (to the west), State Route 4 North Angels Bypass (to the north) and the proposed Purdy Road Connector (options may include, but are not limited to a Purdy Road extension to Murphys Grade Road, connector from Purdy Road Connector to Main Street across from Mark Twain Road)
- f. Connection from Sonora Street to Tryon Road via the Greenstone Mine Road Grade
- g. A possible connector between the proposed Gold Cliff/Greenhorn Creek (McCauley Ranch Road) connector and the Greenhorn Creek South Extension
- h. A possible cul-de-sac road serving land northwest of Murphys Grade Road, southeast of the State Route 4 North Angels Bypass and south of China Gulch to North Main Street (subject to final land use decisions by Caltrans, landowners and Bret Harte High School for the area)

**Equivalent Program:** 3Be

**Related Programs:** 1Dc (Land Use), 3Ba (Circulation), 3Bb (Circulation), 3Bc (Circulation), 3Bd (Circulation), 3Bf (Circulation), 3Bh (Circulation), 3Bi (Circulation), 3Bj (Circulation), 3Bk (Circulation), 3Bl (Circulation), 3Ce (Circulation), 3Cf (Circulation), 4Bb (Conservation and Open Space), 4Bc (Conservation and Open Space), 4Bd (Conservation and Open Space), 12Ba (Recreation), 12Bb (Recreation), 12Bc (Recreation), 12Bd (Recreation), 12Bf (Recreation), 12Bh (Recreation), 12Bi (Recreation), 12Cc (Recreation), 12De (Recreation)



**12.B.f      Update the City's Traffic Impact Mitigation Fees**

Review the city's Traffic Impact Mitigation Fee (TIMF) schedule at least annually to ensure that the city's highest priority planned streets [including associated bicycle, pedestrian and low-speed vehicle routes (i.e., *low-impact modes of transportation* routes)] are addressed in the fee study.

In addition, detail conditions under which partial credit may be granted against TIMF for construction of improvements identified in the TIMF ordinance.

**Equivalent Program:** 3Ak (Circulation), 3Bf (Circulation)

**Related Programs:** 1Dc (Land Use), 2Bc (Housing), 3Ai (Circulation), 3Ba (Circulation), 3Bb (Circulation), 3Bc (Circulation), 3Bd (Circulation), 3Be (Circulation), 3Bh (Circulation), 3Bi (Circulation), 3Bj (Circulation), 3Bk (Circulation), 3Bl (Circulation), 3Ce (Circulation), 3Cf (Circulation), 4Bb (Conservation and Open Space), 4Bc (Conservation and Open Space), 4Bd (Conservation and Open Space), 7Bg (Public Facilities), 12Ba (Recreation), 12Bb (Recreation), 12Bc (Recreation), 12Bd (Recreation), 12Be (Recreation), 12Bf (Recreation), 12Bh (Recreation), 12Bi (Recreation), 12Cc (Recreation), 12De (Recreation)

**12.B.g      Coordinate New State Route 4/49 Bridge Design with Plans for an Angels Creek Master Plan and Trail**

In conjunction with **Program 4.D.c** (Draft Creek Corridor Preservation & Management Plan for Angels Creek), coordinate design of the proposed State Route 4/49 Bridges and Intersection Project to reflect plans for an Angels Creek trail (See *Low-Impact Modes of Transportation Plan* - **Appendices 3E** and **12A**). Incorporate the city's adopted State Route 4/49 Bridges and Intersection Project Principles and Guidelines Regarding Intersection Design Improvements in the design effort (**Appendix 3F**).

**Equivalent Program:** 3Bg (Circulation)

**Related Programs:** 1Hc (Land Use), 3Bh (Circulation), 4Dc (Conservation & Open Space), 12Ac (Parks & Recreation), 12Ad (Parks & Recreation), 12Ca (Parks & Recreation), 12Cc (Parks & Recreation), 12Ce (Parks & Recreation)

**12.B.h     Require New Development to Construct Facilities Integrating with the City's Low-Impact Modes of Transportation Plan**

As conditions of project approval, require:

- a. New commercial development to provide low-impact transportation facilities connecting to routes identified in the city's *Low-Impact Modes of Transportation Plan* or otherwise facilitate the use of *Low-Impact Modes of Transportation* to and from residential developments within ½ mile of new commercial development
- b. New residential developments of 20 or more lots to provide *low-impact modes of transportation* facilities connecting to routes identified within the city's *Low-Impact Modes of Transportation Plan* or otherwise facilitate the use of *Low-Impact Modes of Transportation* to and from commercial developments, schools, recreational areas, or similar destination sites within ½ mile of the new residential development
- c. New commercial and business developments to install and maintain bicycle racks near entrances for employees and customers
- d. New development including employment centers, schools, and commercial centers with access to the city's *Low-Impact Modes of Transportation* routes to provide support facilities for those using *Low-Impact Modes of Transportation* including bicycle racks, personal lockers, showers at appropriate locations (e.g., park and ride facilities)
- e. Small parking spaces to accommodate *low-speed vehicles*

**Equivalent Programs:** 3Bh (Circulation), 4Bd (Conservation & Open Space)

**Related Programs:** 1Dc (Land Use), 3Ba (Circulation), 3Bb (Circulation), 3Bc (Circulation), 3Bd (Circulation), 3Be (Circulation), 3Bf (Circulation), 3Bi (Circulation), 3Bj (Circulation), 3Bk (Circulation), 3Bl (Circulation), 3Ce (Circulation), 3Cf (Circulation), 4Bb (Conservation & Open Space), 4Bc (Conservation & Open Space), 4Bd (Conservation & Open Space), 4Dc (Conservation & Open Space), 12Ac (Parks & Recreation), 12Ba (Parks & Recreation), 12Bb (Parks & Recreation), 12Bc (Parks & Recreation), 12Bd (Parks & Recreation), 12Be (Parks & Recreation), 12Bf (Parks & Recreation), 12Bg (Parks & Recreation), 12Bi (Parks & Recreation), 12Ca (Parks & Recreation), 12Cc (Parks & Recreation), 12Ce (Parks & Recreation)

**12.B.i     Require New Low-Impact Modes of Transportation Facilities Along New Collector Roads**

Require the construction of *low-impact modes of transportation* facilities along all new collector and arterial roadways constructed after 2004 that may be integrated into the city's *Low-Impact Modes of Transportation Plan*. All such facilities shall be constructed as Class I facilities (**Appendices 3E and 12A**), to the maximum extent feasible.

**Equivalent Program:** 3Bi (Circulation), 12De (Parks & Recreation)

**Related Programs:** 1Dc (Land Use), 3Ba (Circulation), 3Bb (Circulation), 3Bc (Circulation), 3Bd (Circulation), 3Be (Circulation), 3Bf (Circulation), 3Bh (Circulation), 3Bj (Circulation), 3Bk (Circulation), 3Bl (Circulation), 3Ce (Circulation), 3Cf (Circulation), 4Bb (Conservation and Open Space), 4Bc (Conservation and Open Space), 4Bd (Conservation and Open Space), 12Ba (Recreation), 12Bb (Recreation), 12Bc (Recreation), 12Bd (Recreation), 12Be (Recreation), 12Bf (Recreation), 12Bh (Recreation), 12Cc (Recreation)

## **12C. Parks and Recreation: Integration with Other General Plan Elements**

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**Goal 12C** Optimize limited resources by emphasizing multiple uses and multiple benefits of recreation facilities.

### **Policy**

**12.C.1** Design and locate park and recreation facilities to further the goals of other general plan elements.

### **Implementation Programs**

**12.C.a** **Develop Standards and Guidelines for Trails Along Waterways**

In conjunction with **Program 4.D.d** (Establishing setbacks along creeks) and **Programs 1.C.j** and **4.D.c** (Creek Corridor Preservation & Management Plan for Angels Creek), develop standards and guidelines for the development and construction of trails along waterways. Examples of guidelines to be considered include, but are not limited to: constructing trails along the tops of banks (and away from the edge of the bank to reduce erosion), using permeable surfacing materials, limiting the number of direct access points to waterways (to reduce erosion and damage to biological resources), emphasizing low-impact uses at or near the top of banks, as feasible; provisions for alternate routes deviating from creeksides where environmental or other concerns are prohibitive.

Facilitate implementation of the city's **Conservation and Open Space Element** by creating buffer zones along Angels Creek for trail development and to protect water quality within this drainage. Consider expanding creekside trails in the future along other city waterways including, but not limited to: Indian Creek, Cherokee Creek, 6-Mile Creek, Greenhorn Creek, Utica Ditch, Jupiter Ditch, and Lone Gulch.

**Related Programs:** 1Cj (Land Use), 1Hc (Land Use), 4Dc (Conservation & Open Space), 12Ac (Parks & Recreation), 12Ad (Parks & Recreation), 12Bg (Parks & Recreation), 12Cc (Parks & Recreation), 12Ce (Parks & Recreation)

**12.C.b Establish Parks to Facilitate the Implementation of the General Plan's Land Use and Housing Elements**

Create live-work parks for high density residential developments to provide recreational opportunities for affordable housing pursuant to the **Land Use** and **Housing Elements** of the Angels Camp General Plan. These parks will generally be 1-2 acres in size (or larger, dependent upon size of the high-density development); be located within, or immediately adjacent to, the boundaries of the high-density residential development and provide landscaped open spaces, tot lots, benches, small picnic facilities and other facilities suitable to the size and use of the facility. Locations consistent with this program include, but are not limited to:

- a. High density residential land adjacent to the Save Mart Shopping Center
- b. High density residential land adjacent to and north of Frog Jump Plaza

**Related Programs:** 3Bl (Circulation), 8Bs (Cultural Resources), 8Bt (Cultural Resources), 11Ed (Community Identity)

**12.C.c Prioritize Trails that Promote Circulation and the City's Low-Impact Modes of Transportation Plan**

Establish priorities for constructing the *low-impact modes of transportation* routes identified in **Appendices 3E** and **12A**. Give priority to establishing trail routes with:

- a. Linkages to existing pedestrian and bicycle facilities
- b. Linkages to low-impact mode of transportation facilities proposed herein

These linkages should emphasize intermodal connections between recreational facilities and schools, commercial centers, neighborhoods, libraries, public facilities, medium and high density housing and between other population centers and destination points over distances of two miles or less.

**Equivalent Programs:** 3Bc (Circulation), 12Bc (Parks & Recreation)

**Related Programs:** 1Dc (Land Use), 3Ba (Circulation), 3Bb (Circulation), 3Bd (Circulation), 3Be (Circulation), 3Bf (Circulation), 3Bh (Circulation), 3Bi (Circulation), 3Bj (Circulation), 3Bk (Circulation), 3Bl (Circulation), 3Ce (Circulation), 3Cf (Circulation), 4Bb (Conservation and Open Space), 4Bc (Conservation and Open Space), 4Bd (Conservation and Open Space), 12Ac (Parks & Recreation), 12Ad (Parks & Recreation), 12Ba (Recreation),

12Bb (Recreation), 12Bd (Recreation), 12Be (Recreation), 12Bf (Recreation), 12Bg (Parks & Recreation), 12Bh (Recreation), 12Bi (Recreation), 12Ca (Parks & Recreation), 12Ce (Parks & Recreation) 12De (Recreation)

**12.C.d     Locate Parks and Recreation Facilities Where They Will Assist in Defining Community Character and Enhance Visual Quality**

Locate park and recreation facilities to provide a visual “break” between large expanses of commercial or high-density residential uses - especially in the shopping center commercial zoning district. Locate park and recreation facilities, especially pocket parks, to provide visually appealing spaces at the gateways to the city. Opportunities within the city’s Sphere of Influence include, but are not limited to, establishing *live-work parks* (See **Recreation Element Implementation Program 12.C.b**).

**12.C.e     Promote Visitor Access to the Regional Trail System**

Prepare a trail map brochure describing trails and their access points from major transportation routes for distribution to the visitor’s center and commercial establishments throughout the city. Provide directional indicators to trail heads for visitors (e.g., signs from State Routes 4 and 49 to trail heads; a kiosk trail map at the visitor’s center).

**Related Programs:** 1Hc (Land Use), 12Ad (Parks & Recreation), 12Bg (Parks & Recreation), 12Ca (Parks & Recreation), 12Cc (Parks & Recreation)

**12.C.f     Promote Recreation-Related Commercial Uses**

Amend the city’s zoning ordinance to include bicycle, *low-speed vehicle* rental facilities, and other recreational uses as a permitted use within Commercial and Recreational zoning districts.

**12.C.g     Support and Promote Events Celebrating the City's Culture, History, Industries, Recreational Opportunities and Natural Resources**

Continue to support and promote public activities and events celebrating the city's culture, history, industries, recreational opportunities, arts and natural resources. Support and promote events that bring visitors and residents downtown, further the economic development objectives of the city, and are compatible with the city's community character including, but not limited to:

- a. Events recognizing and celebrating the city's historic sites, structures, people, culture and events
- b. Events recognizing the city's literary history
- c. Calaveras County Frog Jump
- d. **Fishing tournaments (e.g., bass tournaments), triathlons, fun-runs, biking tournaments and other recreational events**
- e. Events recognizing the city and region's historic industries (e.g., mining, timber harvesting)

**Equivalent Programs:** 4Ae (Conservation & Open Space), 4Fc (Conservation & Open Space), 8Cd (Cultural Resources), 10Cd (Economic Development), 11Ee (Community Identity)

**Related Programs:** 2Aa (Housing), 3Cd (Circulation), 10Ab (Economic Development), 10Ao (Economic Development), 11Ea (Community Identity)

**12.C.h     Establish Mini/Pocket Parks Providing Visitor Amenities and for Scenic Values**

Establish mini/pocket parks along the State Route 4/49 Historic Commercial (HC) district that provides rest areas, restrooms, information kiosks and similar visitor amenities and mini/pocket parks in commercial areas outside of the Historic Commercial (HC) district to break up the appearance of large expanses of buildings along State Route 4/49. Opportunities within the city include, but are not limited to:

- a. City parking lots
- b. Bus stops
- c. Large, commercial parking lots
- d. Trailheads
- e. Museum
- f. Gateways/entryways



**12.C.i Promote Healthy Arts Programs**

*Healthy Arts* programs address the health issues and problems which affect young people, with a special focus upon those who are excluded, disaffected, or at risk of becoming so. The programs normally use music, dance, photography, circus skills, drama, creative writing, new multimedia technologies and video in order to develop discussion and promote an informed approach to a wide range of health issues. *Healthy Arts* programs also include after-school art-based activities for teens and young adults as an alternative to drugs or other anti-social activities.

Promote *healthy arts* programs in the city through implementation of the following:

- a. Amend the municipal code to allow community center/residential meeting room facilities included in subdivision design to count towards fulfilling recreation requirements for residential developments, where those facilities are accessible to children and families and promote *healthy arts* programs
- b. Investigate the feasibility of allowing reduced recreational requirements for residential development that provide such facilities and where guarantees can be provided that these facilities will be used for *healthy arts* programs
- c. Include facilities that can be made available to the community for *healthy arts* programs in project design for the city's Civic Center

**Equivalent Program:** 2Dj (Housing)

**Related Programs:** 7Ga (Public Facilities & Services), 8Ce (Cultural Resources)

## **12D. Parks and Recreation: Facility Design, Location and Maintenance**

**Goal 12D** Design recreational facilities to optimize their use, minimize conflicts with other land uses, and to be compatible with the surrounding landscape.

### **Policy**

**12.D.1** Consider topography, impacts on adjacent private property and access for the disabled in the design of park and recreation facilities.

### **Implementation Programs**

**12.D.a** **Select Park and Recreation Facility Sites and Designs to Minimize Changes in Topography and Vegetation**

Give priority to acquiring park and recreation facility sites requiring minimal grading and vegetation removal by making use of existing utility easements for trails, targeting park sites with average slopes of less than 10-20%, and acquiring sites that require minimal removal of large trees, to the maximum extent feasible and consistent with the stated goals of the facility.

**12.D.b** **Select Park and Recreation Facility Sites and Designs to Maximize Safety**

Maximize safety in facility site location and design including, but not limited to, the following elements: locate new facilities where they can be easily patrolled for public safety; use public rights-of-way, as feasible, to discourage trespass disputes; and use adequate lighting consistent with adjoining land uses.

**12.D.c     Design Facilities to Minimize Impacts to Adjoining Land Uses**

Consider impacts to homeowners located adjacent to park and recreation facilities by:

- a. Establishing buffers between residential and park uses;
- b. Acquiring park and recreation facility sites with existing natural buffers between residences and proposed park uses;
- c. Following the tested guidelines established in *Rails with Trails, Sharing Corridors for Transportation and Recreation* (Rails-to-Trails Conservancy in cooperation with the National Park Service, undated) and strategies developed for similar existing recreational facilities
- d. Designing recreation facilities to accommodate dog use (See **Program 12.A.j**)
- e. Designing park and recreation facilities to include equestrian use (See **Program 12A.k**)
- f. Recognizing the Right-to-Farm when planning park and recreation facilities (See **Program 12A.m**)

**12.D.d     Access for the Disabled**

Give priority to acquiring park and recreation facilities that provide maximum access for the disabled or that provide minimal site alteration to accommodate the disabled.

**12.D.e     Require New Low-Impact Modes of Transportation Facilities Along New Collector Roads**

Require the construction of *low-impact modes of transportation* facilities along all new collector and arterial roadways constructed after 2004 that may be integrated into the city's *Low-Impact Modes of Transportation Plan*. All such facilities shall be constructed as Class I facilities (**Appendices 3E and 12A**), to the maximum extent feasible.

**Equivalent Program:** 3Bi (Circulation), 12Bi (Parks & Recreation)

**Related Programs:** 1Dc (Land Use), 3Ba (Circulation), 3Bb (Circulation), 3Bc (Circulation), 3Bd (Circulation), 3Be (Circulation), 3Bf (Circulation), 3Bh (Circulation), 3Bj (Circulation), 3Bk (Circulation), 3Bl (Circulation), 3Ce (Circulation), 3Cf (Circulation), 4Bb (Conservation and Open Space), 4Bc (Conservation and Open Space), 4Bd (Conservation and Open Space), 12Ba (Recreation), 12Bb (Recreation), 12Bc (Recreation), 12Bd (Recreation), 12Be (Recreation), 12Bf (Recreation), 12Bh (Recreation), 12Cc (Recreation)

**12.D.f     Encourage City Use of Treated Water to Irrigate Landscaping at City Facilities**

Install infrastructure to facilitate the use of treated water for landscape irrigation when renovating or establishing new city facilities (including new city parks), where feasible.

**Equivalent Programs:** 4.G.1 (Conservation & Open Space), 7Eg (Public Facilities & Services)

**12.D.g     Select Park and Facility Sites and Designs that Conserve Water Resources**

Design parks and facilities to reduce the need for irrigation and conserve water, where feasible (e.g., limiting areas of turf where appropriate, choosing plants that require minimal water, installing smart irrigation systems).

**Equivalent Programs:** 4Gm (Conservation & Open Space), 7Ef (Public Facilities & Services)

## **12E. Recreation: Facility Funding**

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**Goal 12E** Pursue and encourage innovative approaches to funding recreational facilities.

### **Policy**

- 12.E.1** Distribute the costs equitably and pursue multiple resources for ongoing funding acquisition, construction and maintenance of park and recreation facilities.

### **Implementation Programs**

**12.E.a** **Consider Establishing a Redevelopment Agency to Assist in the Provision of Affordable Housing, to Fund Infrastructure Improvements, and to Achieve Other City Goals Identified in the General Plan**

Consider establishing a redevelopment agency and plan, or similar mechanism, to assist in:

- a. The provision of affordable housing
- b. Funding infrastructure improvements that may be necessary for the provision of affordable housing or economic development
- c. Funding water and wastewater infrastructure improvements
- d. Funding fire and medical protection infrastructure improvements (e.g., upgrading fire hydrants, increasing fire flow)
- e. **Funding park infrastructure and related improvements (e.g., sidewalk construction, facilities for low-impact modes of transportation)**
- f. The provision of infrastructure improvements supporting public works facilities (e.g., sidewalks, drainage facilities)
- g. The rehabilitation of historic properties
- h. Promoting economic development (e.g., undertaking commercial area enhancements, improving and/or expanding parking facilities,

establishing a commercial/retail facade loan program, undertaking gateway beautification projects, undertaking curb, gutter and sidewalk replacement and repair, providing and/or improving restroom facilities, conducting an historic inventory)

The preceding activities are subject to redevelopment law restrictions and requirements. The city should hold at least one public forum to discuss the establishment of a redevelopment agency prior to 2009.

**Equivalent Programs:** 1Af (Land Use), 2Cf (Housing), 7Ab (Public Facilities & Services), 7Bc (Public Facilities & Services), 7Cb (Public Facilities & Services), 7Eb (Public Facilities & Services), 7Fa (Public Facilities & Services), 7Ha (Public Facilities & Services), 8Bp (Cultural Resources), 10Al (Economic Development)

**12.E.b Pursue Grant Funding**

Include a current list of potential funding sources suited to the acquisition and development of the city's highest ranked (top 10) park and recreation facilities as part of the Park and Recreation Master Plan.

**Related Program:** 12Ab (Parks and Recreation)

**12.E.c Facilitate and Support Community-Based Park and Recreation Efforts**

Facilitate and support community-based efforts to establish park and recreation facilities within the city. Methods of support include, but are not limited to:

- a. Referring community-based organizations to agencies and consultants who have participated in or specialize in providing oversight and guidance for community organizations seeking to establish park and recreation facilities at a significant reduction or elimination of costs (e.g., Leathers and Associates, of Ithaca, NY [www.leathersassociates.com](http://www.leathersassociates.com))
- b. Reducing, waiving or deferring payment of permit application fees for non-profit organizations providing park and recreation facilities that benefit the community
- c. Reducing, waiving or deferring payment of impact mitigation fees for non-profit organizations providing park and recreation facilities that benefit the community
- d. Updating Title 17 of the City of Angels Municipal Code to include park and recreation facilities as a permitted or conditional use in all or most zoning districts

**12.E.d Support and Encourage Adopt-A-Park Programs**

Encourage community groups, commercial sponsors and similar entities to “Adopt-A Park” for maintenance of completed park and recreational facilities.

**12.E.e Continue to Maintain Funding for Recreational Facilities**

Continue to maintain and seek to expand consistent sources of funding to support the provision of recreational facilities (e.g., city services impact mitigation fee).

**12.E.f     Continue to Consider the Impacts of New Residential Development on the City's Recreational Facilities**

Continue to maintain and implement the provisions of Government Code Section 66477 (Quimby Act) to address the impacts of new residential developments on the city's recreational facilities.

**Equivalent Program:** 4Cg (Conservation & Open Space)

**Related Programs:** 1Db (Land Use), 2Bc (Housing), 7Bg (Public Facilities & Services), 7Cc (Public Facilities & Services), 7Da (Public Facilities & Services), 7Ea (Public Facilities & Services), 7Ed (Public Facilities & Services), 12Ef (Parks & Recreation)

**12.E.g     Promote Shared Use to Expand the Variety and Quantity of Available Facilities and to Distribute Costs and Manpower to Acquire, Construct and Maintain Facilities**

Promote and pursue partnerships with schools, utility agencies (e.g., Calaveras County Water District, Union Public Utility District), community groups, the county, state and federal agencies, private, non-profit agencies and others to share the use of existing recreational facilities and to develop new facilities for mutually beneficial recreational use. Pursue partnerships as necessary to distribute costs and manpower necessary to acquire, construct and maintain facilities. Link or incorporate recreational facilities from other entities with city facilities whenever feasible. Examples of these partnerships and shared uses include, but are not limited to:

- a. Cooperating with local school districts to assist in funding, constructing, maintaining and/or acquiring recreational facilities to be made available to the public when not used by the school district
- b. Locating trails adjacent to existing public rights-of-way where they may be easily maintained in conjunction with maintenance of pre-existing facilities (e.g., roadways)
- c. Integrating park facilities in the design of a new civic center
- d. Continuing to maintain park facilities with the museum
- e. Coordinating events with the 39<sup>th</sup> Agricultural District fairgrounds
- f. Coordinating with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to integrate City trails and existing and planned trails at New Melones Reservoir



- g. Supporting groups that establish organized (team) sports facilities serving the community
- h. Seeking partnerships with the Resource Conservation District to maximize funding opportunities

**Equivalent Program:** 12Af (Parks & Recreation)

**Related Programs:** 1Bk (Land Use), 3Bk (Circulation), 7Ic (Public Facilities & Services), 12Ag (Parks & Recreation)

**12.E.h Facilitate Establishment of a Community-Based Organization to Accept Donations and Spearhead Community Projects**

Organize community leaders to establish a community-based organization authorized to accept land and facility donations for public uses or related community benefits from landowners, while encouraging continued use of the property by the landowner before donation (e.g., similar to estate planning assistance). The organization should work in coordination with the city to ensure coordinated planning efforts for public uses and community facilities.

**Equivalent Programs:** 7Gh (Public Facilities & Services), 12 Ai (Parks & Recreation)  
Recreation)